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### INTRODUCTION

In South Carolina, the National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences were used as the guiding principles in the refinement of our Culinary Arts competencies. The National Standards were developed based on input from states such as ours, the standards of industry, and review by the related professional organizations. South Carolina took this foundation and spring-boarded toward core knowledge, skills, and aptitudes that would enable our students to stand toe-to-toe with other students of similar training across the nation. This <u>South Carolina Guide for Culinary Arts</u> curriculum guide has been developed with the South Carolina core competencies as the central focus.

To better assist teachers in the development of related lessons and activities for students, this guide was formatted for BEST use. Keep in mind that it is a guide and is by no means intended to supplant other instructional materials or teaching techniques. Teachers should maintain their individual freedom of style and artistry; this guide addresses the sciences of the content. Use of this document as a "guide" should serve to prepare students to successfully demonstrate competence upon program completion. Further, it should ease the transition of the student from the classroom to the real world.

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#### **USE OF THIS GUIDE**

This guide is designed to provide job relevant tasks, performance objectives, performance guides, resources, teaching activities, and evaluation questions. The guide is also designed to be used with any teaching methods you as an instructor may choose. For example, if the lecture/demonstration method is best for you, you will find sufficient help to meet your needs. If you prefer to use discussion or other methods that require student participation, you will find ample help. Regardless of which method is successful for you, this guide can save preparation time and offer innovative methods and procedures. For example, a student may work either alone or on a team while in class and learn skills in direct relation to what is actually being done on the job.

The use of small groups in teaching can be helpful when students feel inadequate due to their lack of background information. Some students may also feel that they are physically incompetent or lack the necessary background experiences. A successful program can provide students with a sense of security by reinforcing students to interact on a group level. As students gain confidence and discover that they are an essential part of a team engaged in the learning-teaching process, their confidence increases. Individually, they also learn to work without direct supervision. In addition, use of the small-group method permits the instructor to vary instructional routines away from lecture or other full-class methods to activities for single students, pairs of students, or any number of students desired.

In this guide, you find suggestions for specific activities. These activities are not meant to restrict you or your students, but to offer a variety of learning activities for each task statement.